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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Legislation, OCA

FROM: 

Executive Assistant to the DDS&amp;T

SUBJECT: Intelligence Authorization Act -- Comments

REFERENCE: Memorandum OCA 87-5668, dated 9 November on  
First Draft - Intelligence Authorization Act  
for Fiscal Year 1989

1. Having reviewed the referent memorandum on the "First Draft of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1989", the Directorate of Science and Technology finds several points meriting comment.

2. First, under "Title IV - National Security Agency Personnel Authorities Improvements", an amendment to SEC. 601 (a) Section 16 (a), calls for the establishment of a "graduate training program which may lead to a graduate degree to facilitate the recruitment of new employees with a demonstrated capability to develop skills critical to this mission of NSA."

We, in the Directorate of Science and Technology, heartily salute such an effort and "strongly recommend" that the Central Intelligence Agency provide for a similar program. As with the undergraduate training program, the areas of mathematics, physics, chemistry, engineering, computer science, and foreign languages are fields in which the DS&T has a vested interest. As the Agency's research and development arm, we are faced with the critical need not only of identifying and hiring students with potential in these areas, but also of maintaining and continually upgrading the skills and proficiency of presently employed personnel in all these areas. We have set as major Directorate goals for the 1990's the need to ensure adequate personnel for R&D activities, and to develop a program to assure, on a continuing basis, foreign language expertise needed throughout the Directorate. Programs which encourage and support advanced degree studies will promote internal development and greatly enhance our ability to achieve these goals and to ensure the DS&T remains at the cutting edge of technology.

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